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## CLOSE CUT Prices

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| Thresher's Blankets | $3.25 | Mattresses, Art Ticking | $6.50 |
| Grey Wool Blankets | $7.50 | Springs, Woven | 3.50 |
| Cortex Blankets | $4.00 | " Steel Frame | 5.50 |
| White Wool Blankets | $7.00 | 1 Sofa | 7.00 |
| " " " | $6.00 | 1 Chest of Drawers | 12.50 |
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| " | $3.50 | 1 Buffett | 22.50 |
| Flannellette Sheets, 12 x 4 | $2.75 | Door Mats | 1.25 |
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THIRD ANNUAL

## Boys' and Girls' School Fair

AT THE

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ON

Thursday, October 11th

PROGRAM

Exhibition of Club and School Work

Which will include entries from Schools in the district

Atheletic Sports

Spelling Bee and Addresses

In the Assembly Room after the Sports

A 15c. Tea will be served during the afternoon

ALL ENTRIES MUST be in AT OR BEFORE 11a.m. on DAY of FAIR

Teachers and Trustees of the adjoining Rural School Districts are urged to share in the activities of the day. Parents can add greatly to its success by attending and showing their interest in the school life of the pupils.


### Good Farming Record

Mr. Geo. Allison, of the Burnbank district had a yield of 25 bushels to the acre from one of his fields this season. This particular field has never been summerfallowed and has produced 34 successive and paying crops. The system of rotation followed by Mr. Allison, proves what excellent results can be obtained by systematic and intelligent farming. Although an out-and-out cattle man, he has never neglected to apply the same method of thoroughness in the cultivation of his land as in the care of his celebrated herd of Shorthorns.

### Supplies That Are Needed

The secretary of the I.O.D.E. has received the following letter from the National President, Toronto, and has asked us to, if possible, place it before our readers in this issue:

"Dear Madame,

An appeal has come by cable to the Central Red Cross and the Canadian War Contingent Association, and the needs are so urgent that I have been asked to keep the Daughters of the Empire fully informed. I know that I have only to bring them to your notice to ensure your prompt and hearty response. Of course socks are always needed and all the other articles mentioned in "War Work" are wanted, but it happens that the following articles are especially needed at the present time:

RED CROSS LIST:

1. Stretcher caps made of cloth or serge, lined with flannelette, with ear flaps: patern to be obtained at the Head Office of the Red Cross 20,000 wanted as quickly as possible.

2. Personal property bags: fully described on page 18 of "War Work." 20,000 per month are needed. They can be made of scraps of cretonne, chintz, or gingham.

3. Housewives; see 'War Work' page 18.

4. Buttercloth handkerchiefs hemmed, 12 by 12; "War Work" page 19.

5. Surgeons' operating gowns; "War Work" page 14.

6. Bed socks, knitted or like huge boots of tweed or serge lined with flannelette.

7. Face Cloths; wanted immediately in very large numbers, either knitted or made of Turkish towelling 9 by 9; "War Work" page 14.

CANADIAN WAR CONTINGENT ASSOCIATION FIELD COMFORTS.

All Field Comforts as mentioned in the C.W.C.A. pamphlet recently dispatched are needed, but the following cable from Mr. J.G. Colmer Hon. Secretary, speaks for itself.

"Should welcome regular supplies maple sugar and Canadian smoking and chewing tobacco. Remember we have large number of men to look after."

Contributions of these supplies or money to purchase same will be gratefully received. Contributions of money t obe sent to Mrs. John Bruce, 56 Church St., Toronto, Treas. C.W.C.A, Canada.

Sincerely yours,
Mary R. Gooderham,
President".

### Letter from Ted Chapman

The following is from a letter written by Pte. "Ted" Chapman at a hospital in Canterbury, England, to one of our subscribers at Elkhorn:

"I guess you will have heard that I have been wounded. I was hit, at about 7 o'clock in the evening, on August 21st, after a hard day's fighting, at times hand to hand, and I can tell you I was not a bit sorry as I was just about played out. Fitz counter attacked us about 7 times that day but could not push the old Canadians back. You will have seen that we are fighting around Lens city and that we have a hard task to perform but it will be done. I was hit in the left leg and scratched about the face and am now getting along as well as can be expected. You will see by the address that I am back in England and I can assure you that its fine to have a good bed to sleep on once again as I had not had my shoes and puttees off for a fortnight at a time. The German losses in that one battle alone must have been awful. I know for the truth that they will not face our bayonets, and that their hands soon go up above their heads whenever we get to close quarters. I was wounded by shrapnel. Dont write to this address as I expect to be moved to a Canadian hospital".

## OUR EXPLANATION OF IT

### Old Established Firm Withdraws Its Patronage Suddenly

#### Encroachment on Surrounding District not Sanctioned. We feel justified in our action in the matter

We very much regret that the space on this page which has for so long a time contained an advertisement of the Elkhorn Trading Co., and their predecessors, is now occupied by different matter and to rent. Our readers have been so accustomed to watch out for the buying opportunities by which this firm has secured so large a share of the trade of the community that we feel they are entitled to an explanation for the sudden and unexpected break of a long period of pleasant relationship beteween this firm and the publishers of the Elkhorn Mercury. Some time ago, Mr. H. D. Crowe, proprietor of the well known Gents' Furnishing Store, Virden, asked for advertising space for a series of readers in our locals. This was refused at the time. Two weeks ago, Mr. Crowe again approached us. He claimed, and justly too, that he was entitled to his share of the business of the Municipality of Wallace, and that in order to compete with the mail order houses, he had a legitimate right to make use of the local paper to obtain that share. As our circulation in the Municipality of Wallace is three times that of the village, the justness of his plea—and the advantage it also offered to our country subscribers, was recognized and Mr. Crowe's advertisement, as it appeared last week, accepted for one issue. The Elkhorn Trading Co. immediately cancelled their contract with us.

In justification of our action we can only say that it is impossible for any small weekly publication like ours, to pay its way, and be an asset to the community, unless its advertising space is taken up, and at the current rates. In an ernest endeavour to hold our local advertising, we are one of the few if any, country news sheets that has not raised its advertising rates since the outbreak of the war. With many other papers the rates have advanced twice within that period. We have always fully recognized the grave responsibilities which any local publication, however small, assumes in the life of the community which it represents, and it has been our one aim and object to make the Elkhorn Mercury a medium for the promotion of everything that was to the general advantage and benefit of the district. We have preached, and personally practised, the creed of "support home industry", and our monthly settlements with the local merchants will prove that we have lived up to that creed. We have endeavoured to assist, voluntarily, in the work of our churches and their kindred organizations, our agricultural associations, our sports and amusements, and to further the efforts of those societies who are striving so ernestly to alleviate the sufferings of the wounded and increase the comfort of our boys at the front. The many gratifying expressions of appreciation we have received lead us to feel that our paper is an asset to the district if only in this respect. The withdrawal of local advertising means, of course, the necessity of seeking for outside contracts and, if we have to resort to this method in order to assure publication, we ask our readers to believe that it is entirely against our wish and the only way left open for us to make both ends meet.

### Two Creeks L.A.

Two Creeks Ladies Aid, held their last meeting at the home of Mrs. Johnstone, and made arrangements for the holding of a "Comfort Shower" at the home of Mrs. Gordon Turner. A generous sum was collected for the Red Cross Fund.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. Kirk, at 3 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 26th, and will take the form of a Ten Cent Tea.

### Threshing Accident

Cecil, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Johnson met with a nasty accident while threshing at the Industrial School Farm on Tuesday morning. The sleive of his coat caught in a set screw on the sheaf loader, drawing in and breaking his left arm at the wrist Very fortunately, assistance was close at hand and, after considerable difficulty his arm was released from its dangerous position, and his injuries at once attended to and relieved by Dr. Goodwin.

### I.O.D.E. Notes

The regular semi-monthly Knitting Tea will be held the 3rd Wednesday, October 17th, at the home of Mrs. Robt. Watson. The hostesses will be the Misses Tupper, Strang and Watson.

A joint meeting of the I.O.D.E. Chapters of Manson, Kirkella, McAuley and Elkhorn, will be held here on Thursday, November 8th. All the Chapters will contribute to the program. All members are cordially invited to attend.

Since the Xmas Shower the following have contributed cash donations which are gratefully acknowledged:

Messrs. J. H. Miller and Harry Lund, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs Tolhurst, Minnedosa, and Mrs. McCarriston. Also the following ladies have kindly donated socks: Miss S. Kelsey, Mrs. W. Kennedy Virden, and Mrs. W. T. Clarke.

The following names are added to our list of Soldier Boys who will receive parcels—Lieut. D. A. Bissett, J. Scarff, H. Llewellyn, J. Hascombe, F. Hawkins, C. Charlesworth and J. D. Knight.


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# MAID MARJORY

— BY —
L. G. MOBERLY

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(Continued.)

Guy Thornton, attracted in spite of himself by her strange, cold beauty, occasionally drew up his cart at the door, but even he never failed to drive away, vowing he would not take the trouble to be courteous to her again, when time after time she gave him the most frigid of greetings, and expressed no pleasure at his coming.

Yet, in spite of his determination not to return, something inexplicable drew him back to her, and he sometimes found himself wondering what she would be like if the coldness in her eyes could be turned into tenderness; if the straight lines of her mouth could be curved into a smile; if all the icy hardness of her face could be melted into something more human and more sweet. True, his visits to the Wilderness were very few and far between, yet in some odd way which he did not attempt to explain to himself, the thought of the lonely woman was often in his mind, and during the eight years following the accident, a certain sort of friendship had sprung up between them. Rather a one-sided friendship, perhaps, seeing that Leslie never for a moment relaxed her cold rigidity of demeanor, and never admitted Thornton even into the outer courts of intimacy, but nevertheless friendship of a kind; and a certain tempestuous night in May the mistress of the house was much in the doctor's thoughts as he drove quickly along the white ribbon of road that ran across the downs. He had been paying a visit to one of the servants in the house of Geoffrey Marstead, the young millionaire, and his thoughts went back to that other tempestuous night when he had seen old Marstead die.

The present master of the Manor House was in London now, and it was a long time since Thornton had seen him, but as Thornton drove along he recalled the solemn promise the young man had made at his dying father's deathbed; and as he speculated upon that old promise, and the possibility of any ultimate fulfilment of it, he reached the gate of Leslie Farrant's garden which opened on to the high road. A figure was on the point of flying out of the gate, the figure of a woman, who, on seeing the doctor's vehicle, stopped and flung up her arms.

"Come in doctor; come in quickly," she cried loudly. "She's bad; come quick." Peering through the gloom, Thornton recognized Miss Farrant's latest servant, who, being rather elderly and very deaf, had stayed longer with the artist than other servants had done.

Flinging the reins to the groom, the doctor sprang to the ground and followed the incoherent woman up the flagged garden path and into the house. From the servant's rambling statements he could gather but little information; but as she ushered him straight into the studio with the words, "There she is, poor soul!" he saw to his dismay that Leslie Farrant herself lay stretched upon the couch, her eyes closed, her face very white and still, a little stream of blood trickling down her forehead.

"What on earth——" he began to say to the trembling servant, when, at the sound of his voice Leslie opened her eyes. They looked at him vacantly for a moment; then she whispered faintly:

"He said, 'I want my niece'; that was what he said, 'I want my niece.' How could I tell him what I didn't know? He said, 'I want my niece.'"

"Who said it?" Thornton questioned gently, kneeling beside her and staunching the flow of blood from what he now saw to be a nasty cut on her forehead. "Who has hurt you?"

"I—don't—know," she answered slowly, and with difficulty, her eyes looking into his face though showing no consciousness of his identity. "Have you come back?" she went on after a moment's pause. "Oh! Raymond, have you come back to me?" There was an extraordinary change in her voice, it grew soft and tender and full of a great joy. "Then I shall be safe now—safe—and happy—and good." To the doctor's unfeigned amazement the change in her was not confined to her voice, a change no less amazing swept over her features. All the hardness died out of them; the eyes that had been so cold and hard brimmed over with tenderness, a smile of infinite joy hovered over her lips; she put out her hands with a gesture of proud happiness that set Thornton's pulses throbbing. Yet, obviously, it was not he, in his own person, to whom she spoke. Plainly she did not know him; she was mistaking him for some other man, and the mistake was working in her an incredible transformation.

"You have come back," she repeated, saying the words this time as an affirmation, not a question, and with a little tired sigh she laid her hand in his and shut her eyes. "You will help me now. He said, 'I want my niece.'"

When she had dropped back into unconsciousness, the doctor, having made her as comfortable as he could upon the couch, rose from his knees and beckoned the half-hysterical servant into the kitchen.

"Now control yourself and tell me clearly what has happened," he said sternly, all the more sternly perhaps because his pulses were still throbbing with the memory of Leslie's hands that had clung so passionately to his. "Why is your mistress in this condition? Who has hurt her?"

"I'm sure I feel as if I were near off my head with fright," answered the servant, "and I'm sure he looked respectable enough too. I shouldn't never have thought it of him coming to the door like any Christian, and asking for her same as any decent man might do. I'm sure I don't see how I could have guessed he wasn't what he seemed—and well-dressed, too, and all. When I heard her cry out, you could have knocked me down with a feather." The sentence ended with a hysterical sob, and Dr. Thornton uttered an impatient exclamation.

"For pity's sake pull yourself together, and talk sense," he said angrily; "don't go on talking at random. Has any one been here? If so, who is it? And where is he?"

"I'm sure I don't know no more than the babe unborn who he is or where he's gone," Keziah, the maid, answered choking back her sobs, and looking indignant. "I couldn't tell you if you were all the police in the country who the man was, only he looked for all the world like a gentleman—and his clothes was——"

"Somebody came here, at any rate?" Guy interrupted her, with difficulty mastering his impatence.

"A man came," Keziah responded. "Well, it might have been a half or three-quarters of an hour ago he came. A big man with a beard he was, and very respectably dressed, same as I told you. I never thought no harm of him, though I didn't like his face. He looked at you sort o' queer, and his eyes gave me the shivers. But though I didn't like his face, I couldn't keep him out, how could I, seeing he was very respectable, quite the gentleman, and his clothes was very nice—grand, you might say—gold watch chain, and seals, very genteel, and he asked all right for Miss Farrant, and so I asked her if she would see him, and she says 'Yes.' There didn't seem nothing against him, so I showed him in, and the next I heard, after they'd been talking a bit, was a scream from Miss Farrant. My heart was in my mouth, but I ran into the studio and there she lay on the couch bleeding like you saw, and sobbing out over and over again, 'But I don't know where she is—I don't know where she is.' That was every word she said, and I couldn't get her to say nothing else."

"And the man?" Thornton asked.

"He'd gone. Dear knows where he'd gone, or how he'd gone away so quiet without me hearing. But he'd gone, and after that I ran out to the gate to look for somebody to help us, and there was your cart."

Dr. Thornton remained for a second in deep thought.

"Your mistress is delirious," he said abruptly, after that moment's thought. "She did not know me; she is quite unable to give any account of what has happened. I will send my cart back to Lonsbury to fetch a nurse from the hospital; and I will also send for the police, though I am afraid that Miss Farrant's assailant, whoever he was, has managed by now to make good his escape."

(To Be Continued.)

## Study in Lightning Rods

**Necessary for Protection of Houses in the Country**

Lightning rods are more necessary now for all houses standing in the open country than ever before, according to the scientists of the bureau of standards, because of the great amount of metal in the modern improvements with which houses are fitted. The importance of the subject is shown by the fact that the bureau is devoting a special investigation to it.

The lightning rod has had a peculiar history in this country. There was a time when lightning rod agents went about the country selling ornate rods which were absolutely worthless. The result was that in rural districts throughout the country, both the agent and the rod fell into disrepute and many a country house remained without any protection from lightning.

The bureau finds that a good lightning rod is necessary and that one may be obtained now without difficulty. The best agents co-operate with the insurance underwriters, who have agents to inspect lightning rods which are made in accordance with their standards.

Copper and galvanized iron are the best materials for lightning rods, and within late years copper has largely superseded galvanized iron because it is non-corrosive. A cable composed of a number of wire strands, is the very best. A hollow point is to be avoided, as it will melt when struck.—Woman's World.

### Future for Canadian Fisheries

"I predict a wonderful future for the Canadian fisheries," said Major Hugh Green, officer in charge of the fish supplies for the overseas Canadian army, and the imperial board of trade. "If the war were to end tomorrow the British fish trade would not be reorganized for at least five years. The Canadian fisheries should produce $100,000,000 annually instead of the $34,000,000 produced today."

### A Sad Case

A fellow crazy with the heat propounded this: Two Americans fell out of an airship; what nationality were they when they came down? We let the poor nut rave, and presently he gave us the answer. One came down a Russian, he said; the other landed on the telegraph wires and came down a Pole.—Ottawa Journal.

## Some Dugouts I Have Known

**By a Subaltern in the London Westminster Gazette**

The rest of the dugouts were not quite so magnificent, but were very fine examples of the bearable kind. They were large enough, possessed of about two wire beds apiece, and with the usual equipment of a dugout in France were quite happy spots. The usual equipment of Lares and Penates of a dugout in France is as follows—try and imagine it; it is a good study of Still Life—one sometimes wonders that there is still life, but that is beside the point.

In the average or bearable type of dugout you plunge down three or four steps—that is if it is one of the very safe British dugouts with quite two feet of mud on top. Otherwise you probably mount up two or three steps to where your dugout rears its roof of corrugated iron above the level of the trenches defiantly and proudly.

Having stumbled down or up these steps, you knock your head with considerable force against what is known in architectural circles, I believe, as the lintel, a pine log prolific in knots which forms the upper part of the doorway frame. Having wiped the tears of pain from your eyes and relieved your feelings in the usual way, you now, carefully stooping, as you have learnt wisdom, observe yourself to be in a small square or oblong cavity with a roof of logs supported by logs.

Sometimes there is canvas or tarred felt nailed to this ceiling, sometimes also the same materials cover the walls. This is quite a good stunt. The walls do not then fall in so obviously, and behind it makes a nice little runway for rats, being almost as good as oak wainscotting for the purpose. As you enter there is a squeaking behind this dugout wainscotting. It is the rats. This squeaking continues steadily all day and all night too. It gets quite cheery in time, and you like it—it makes it seem homely after a bit.

Occasionally it is varied by a scuffling sound, or a heavy squeezing noise, as some large, fat rat passes along whose girth is too great to permit him to slip by with comfort. In the middle of the floor is a table, also four chairs, one of which is complete and has a back.

Upon the table is a barrel of cigars, some trench maps, a number of the "Sketch," three empty glasses, a gramaphone, and the Message Block. In the obscurity of the upper end of the dugout are two wire beds or bunks one above the other. On the lower bed a figure is lying with its boots on, swathed and swaddled up with blankets, and a muffler wrapped round its head. It breathes uneasily, and occasionally turns over in its sleep and slaps at the canvas on the wall where the rat-noises are coming from.

Near the table, sticking out from the wall, is a shelf. On this shelf a candle gutters in close proximity to an open jar of jam. Near the jar of jam is some cheese on a plate, which a mouse has just been investigating—one gets to tolerate mice; there are also a Verey pistol and some cartridges, a bottle of Kirchners and whole pages culled from whiskey ads, and a tin of Ideal milk. Round the walls are pinned indiscriminately pictures of Miss Gladys Cooper, Kitchners, and whole pages culled from 'La Vie Parisienne.'

Upon the floor is a thick slime. Anything that falls on the floor gets speedily covered with mud. Everything falls on the floor. And there you have your picture of the ordinary or bearable dugout. Another characteristic of the British dugout is that it is never by any chance (or never used to be at any rate) safe.

One of the chief and most enthralling topics of conversation during a 'strafe' is as to what exact calibre of shell will be withstood by the particular dugout you are in. 'It might stand a whizz-bang and at a pinch a 4.2, but of course, a 5.9 would come clean through,' or 'of course, we don't stand an earthly chance against anything heavier than a pipsqueak.' And then the 5.9 lands on the roof, or near it, and blows out the candle.

Everyone goes green, and then breathes again, and someone relights the candle, and all feel much easier that it will apparently stand a 5.9. Someone suggests that just a little drop all around would be a sound scheme, to which all are agreed, and all have one, and all begin to feel more cheery; but of course there is always the chance that the next one may come through!

### Trooper Saved Napoleon's Heart

So the American military leaders have been visiting Napoleon's tomb. Did they, one wonders, hear the story of his heart, which the tomb encloses? On the night that he died his body was prepared for embalming, and the heart was placed in water in a silver ewer. An Irish soldier, who loved Napoleon, sat up with his old muzzle loader to guard the body, for Longwood swarmed with rats. In the midst of his vigil he heard a splash in the ewer. He fired, just in time to save the heart from the vile rodents which were dragging it away. Americans knew that sentry's grandson, Sir Arthur Sullivan, and loved his music.—London Chronicle.

### Delicately Put

"I do hope you appreciate that in marrying my daughter you marry a large-hearted girl."

"I do, sir. And I hope she inherits those qualities from her father."—Passing Show.

## Three Years Too Late

**Peace Proposals Might Have Had More Weight Three Years Ago**

If the pope, immediately after his election in September, 1914, had issued the appeal for peace which he now makes, it would have been an act of Christian statesmanship worthy of the great organization which he heads. At that time peace on the basis of the status quo ante without reparation, with an agreement for general disarmament, on the broad principle of forgive and forget might have been possible, so far as the allies are concerned. It would have failed probably through the scornful rejection by Germany, who was then looking forward to an easy and early triumph and the mastery of the world, but it would have established the influence of the Vatican in the right quarter.

Three years of war, however, with its experiences of every form of frightfulness and savagery, have made it quite impossible for the civilized world to place the confidence in Germany which it might have given then or to feel that it can again trust its security to any promises of the present German government. More than that, the world of civilization cannot consent that any of the principles which are at the base of German policy and ambition shall be further recognized.

The matter of reparation is not merely one of justice, but primarily of future security. Unless Germany pays a heavy penalty for what she has done, she will never take to heart the lesson that she must not do it again. The penalty must be heavy enough to convince the German people to a man that they cannot afford a government representing the ideas and principles for which the present German and Austrian governments stand in this war; that they must win back their place among men by accepting the modern ideas of liberty and democracy and repudiating wholly the ancient barbarism of race domination by force. It is three years too late to talk of peace on the old status quo. The pope should have proposed that when Germany was winning, instead of waiting till Germany has abandoned hope of the world conquest and is on the verge of collapse.—Buffalo Express.

## Busy Canning Thistles

**Once Obnoxious Kansas Weed Now Warmly Welcomed by Housewives**

The women of southwest Kansas are canning tumbleweed and Russian thistles for greens.

A few years ago the farmers of that section were appealing to the legislature for special appropriations to help stamp out the Russian thistle pest, which was worse than the sand burs. Then a year or two ago, it was discovered that the thistle made good silage when cut green and put into the silo.

And now the folks are eating them. It came about as the result of the food conservation movement. Some wiseacre in the Panhandle of Texas discovered that the tumbleweed, cut green when the stalks were tender and juicy, made as good green as spinach or kale.

The farmers' wives soon discovered this. Now they're putting them up for the winter, canning the tumbleweed the farmers used to curse as worthless.

### A "Bird" Without His Feathers

An amusing story is being related in London reminiscent of Gallipoli days. It tells of General Birdwood, whose wont it was to move freely about among his troops, often in the heat of the day, clad only in khaki shorts and a shirt, and his coat, with the customary stripes and insignia of his rank discarded. He was talking one day, with an Australian private who, quite ignorant of the General's identity, was lolling casually against the side of a trench, and addressing his commander-in-chief quite as an equal, much to the dismay of a near-by subaltern. When the General had passed along, this "sub" took it upon himself to enlighten the private of the enormity of his ignorance. At the finish of the junior officer's harangue said the private to the "sub": "Very sorry, sir, but how was I to know who he was? Why doesn't he wear his feathers, like any other bird would?"

## British Aviator Fell Into Jungle Amid Wild Beasts

**When Engine Stopped, Aviator on African Front Spent Days in Jungle**

Terrible experiences of a British airman in the East African jungle are told by him in a letter received by a relative. The aviator, Lt. G. Garrood, of the Royal Flying Corps, went up to bomb a German ambush on the Rufiji river, but through engine trouble had to descend in the bush, the machine landing with broken propeller in a bog. It took him four days to make his way to a place of safety through the bush, infested with wild animals.

He tells how in the dusk he was confronted with an ugly black animal about four feet high, with vicious tusks. He climbed a tree and prepared to put in the night there. Later he opened his eyes and saw something like two green electric bulbs about thirty feet from the tree. They moved round it in a circle. This continued for forty-five minutes. He goes on.

"The tension was unbearable. I wanted to scream, shout and yell all in one, but instead I burst out with "The Admiral's Broom," and with a full throated bass I roared out the three verses. No applause, but a reward—the leopard slunk away. Why had I not thought of it before?

"I went through my repertoire. I laughed as I finished "Two Eyes of Gray." It seemed so ridiculous. When I got to hymns I remembered four verses of "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," and sang the "Amen," too. The whole thing had its ludicrous side."

Next morning while swimming a river he passed seven yards from a crocodile's mouth, and just reached the bank in time. Without food or arms—his only weapon of defense his nail sissors—his progress through the awful bush was about one hundred yards an hour. His clothing was in ribbons, and his flesh exposed to the thorns, sword grass and flies.

He swam seven more rivers that day and sank down exhausted against a tree. He could hear a lion roaring about five hundred yards away, and, somewhat nearer, the grunting of a hippopotamus.

"Being exhausted, I more or less lost consciousness for perhaps half an hour or so. Nothing short of a hippo charging could have made me climb a tree. Am afraid life had little to offer about that time."

It was while lying here that the lieutenant "had the annoying experience of surveying two large baboons, the size of a small man, quarreling over my trousers, now in threads, and among the tops of 40-foot trees."

It was not until he passed another horrible day and equally terrible night in the bush that he at last was picked up by some natives. "Their eyes seldom left me," he adds. "Undoubtedly I was a strange sight—my legs bare and bleeding, my short vest sodden, dirty and torn, no trousers of course, just a dirty sun helmet, a short stick in my right hand and with four days' growth of beard on my dirty face."

## Many New Bugs Have Appeared

**Season of 1917 Witnesses First Serious Invasion of Insects Into Crops**

Many mysterious new bugs seem to have invaded the crop fields of Saskatchewan this year. For many years past there has been very little complaining of any kind of serious damage to fields of different kinds of produce by insects, but this year, for some unknown reason, new insects have been discovered in various parts of the province. It is believed that the very hot, dry weather of the beginning of the season has resulted in the hatching of various species of insects, and their full development which may in other years have been prevented through rain and other adverse conditions. The matter is being carefully studied and looked into by the authorities of the College of Agriculture.—Saskatoon Star.

The Falklands Islands will subscribe for a period of ten years, beginning with 1917, a sum equal to one-tenth of their yearly customs' revenue towards the expenses of the war. The colony has, in addition, presented the army with an armed aeroplane.

## Death-Blow to Belgian Industry

**German Plundering of Every Line of Trade and Commerce**

The Germans are continuing to "keep in hand" with vigor and minutia the interests of the Belgian population and, it must be admitted, their "solicitude" is especially noticeable in Flanders, which is not at all surprising, since they have gained them a separate administration.

On June 18 the frontier correspondent of the Amsterdam Telegraaf sent to his paper the following information which was published under the heading of "The Belgian Industry's Death Blow":

"We have mentioned some time ago the requisitioning by the Germans of all articles consiting in copper and of all precious metals. Saturday the burgomasters of all the communes in the military area in the eastern and western Flanders and in a section of the Hainaut, have been compelled to make a declaration of a certain portion of the full existing supply of raw iron, of flat iron, of steel, of tin and of machinery.

"According to an ordinance of the chief commander of the fourth army, van Armin, all this material is requisitioned. This wretched requisition, which gives the death blow to the Belgian industry, comprises the following articles: Raw iron of all kinds, bar iron, tin and steel of every thickness and dimensions, sheet iron and steel, comprising all cast pieces, all the fixtures, both on windows and doors, locks of all kinds as well as padlocks, for every quantity exceeding twenty-four pieces belonging to any and the same owner; every kind of small wares, such as nails, screws, brackets, for every quantity exceeding the total weight of five kilos, belonging to the same owner; tools of every description, such as gimlets, awls, axes, files, pincers hammers, wimbles, cocks and pump fixtures, building tools of all kinds for carpenters, locksmiths, farriers, coach-makers, fitters, terrace-makers, masons, stone cutters, coppersmiths, glaziers, building painters and decorators for every quantity exceeding six pieces, belonging to the same proprietor. Besides, they requisition also steel of every kind in bars or in ingots and sheet iron of all description.

"It is, therefore, a methodical plundering of every line of trade and commerce. No indemnity has, as yet, been mentioned. The oppressor only states that the requisitioned articles shall be removed by the local kommandatur against remittance for the goods received. The delinquencies shall be punished by a maximum imprisonment for five years, by a fine not exceeding 30,000 marks and by the forfeiture of all goods not declared or withdrawn from the requisition of building implements.

"The division inspector, von Schickfus, notifies all the inhabitants of Flanders that it is forbidden to continue the construction of houses manufacturers or other buildings for the civilian population. All the building material now in the hands of building contractors, in warehouses or in the builders' houses, such as cement, lime, sand, gravel, brick, clay and fuller's earth, cement and drain pipes as well as iron of every description, are requisitioned.

"They likewise requisition all the wool proceeding from the sheep-shearing, within the same area limits. The list of all the present supply must be delivered to the kommandaturen on or before July 21. Raw wool is paid 2 francs or 2 fr 75 centimes."

### Beginning Early

"Dad," said the little maid of twelve summers, "every morning when I am going to school the boys catch hold of me and kiss me."

"Well, Ethel," replied dad, looking over his newspaper, "why didn't you run away from them?"

Ethel fidgeted and cast her eyes down on the carpet.

"I did one morning," she said hesitatingly, "and they—they didn't chase me!"—Chicago Herald.

### Wooden Cars Disappearing

Wooden passenger cars will some day be as scarce as woodburning locomotives. On January 1 of this year there were in use in this country 15754 all-steel cars and 6,136 with steel underframes, although in 1909 there were fewer than 700 of either kind.—Youth's Companion.

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## Germans Talk of The Next War

**Idea Has Taken Hold in Minds of Prussians**

Gen. von Liebert, in a speech at Rathenow, Prussia, is quoted by the Deutsche Tages Zeitung as saying:

"We cannot sign a peace before we have the Flanders coast, a colonial empire and maritime bases. Should we not realize this now we must prepare to work for it after the war in view of the next war."

Gen. Liebert's speech was loudly cheered by his hearers, but it was criticized by the German press. The Vorwaerts declared:

"This may prolong the war until Germany has been so beaten that even our pan-Germans cannot think of a 'next time.'"

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Worms, by the irritation that they cause in the stomach and intestines, deprive infants of the nourishment that they should derive from food, and mal-nutrition is the result. Miller's Worm Powders destroy worms and correct the morbid conditions in the stomach and bowels that are favorable to worms, so that the full nutriment of the child is assured and development in every way encouraged.

## Eat Less Bread

**Campaign in England Reduces the Consumption of Wheat**

A decrease of twenty per cent. in the wheat consumption of England for the month of July, compared with the month of February is shown by a statement received by the food administration.

The "Eat Less Bread" campaign was inaugurated in England about March first, and the decrease in food consumption for the month of March was two per cent., for the month of April four per cent., for the month May nearly ten per cent and for the month of June fifteen per cent.

An additional conservation of wheat amounting to nearly ten per cent has been reached by the establishing of new rules regarding milling.

The saving now being obtained is largely accredited to the intelligent co-operation of women in their homes. The compulsory saving policy, however, was applied to the public eating houses.

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"I dreamed last night that I proposed to a beautiful girl," he confided.

"And what did I say?" she queried breathlessly.—Tiger.

## A Paean for Sea Food

**Supply of Fish the Only Food That Is Inexhaustable**

It is estimated that the fish consumption is about twenty pounds to the person a year. The consumption of meat is about one hundred and seventy pounds per capita a year; these are averages, of course, but they are approximately correct. The price of meat is about double that of fish. It would make a great difference in the cost of living if people ate more fish and less meat.

The supply of fish is the only food supply that is inexhaustible. If the vast resources of neglected sea-food now almost untouched were utilized, the result would be a great saving of meat and a great reduction in the family living expenses.

Fish is delicious and nourishing food, and it seems remarkable that so little of it is consumed. The food controller appears to have as one of his main objects the conservation of the meat supply. One of the most practical ways of doing this would be to educate the people to make greater use of fish. One way to obtain a greater appreciation of fish would be to supply the public with information about its food value, and recipes for its preparation. A great many people do not understand how to prepare fish for the table. Many people have an unfavorable opinion of fish as food because they have never eaten it properly cooked.

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## British Prisoners Not Depressed

**Are Bearing Themselves Splendidly Under Trying Conditions**

The correspondent learns from a neutral traveler recently in Ghent that the German stories of depressed British prisoners dragging themselves through the streets are absolutely without foundation. The traveler witnessed a detachment of British prisoners recently arrived from the Flanders front. They marched through the streets, heads up, at a swinging pace, shouting: "Are we down-hearted? No!" They were splendid he said. The traveler also witnessed the constant arrival of long trains of German wounded. The Germans pile their wounded any how, often into open trucks, and the witness declares the evidence of their colossal losses is overwhelming.

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## New Calendar Now In Russia

**Revolution Also Brought About Proper Regulation of Calendar**

The revolution has knocked Russia into the middle of next month. Thirteen days have been lost in the scuffle, but no reward is offered for they are not wanted. The Russians, determined as they are to get ahead of the rest of the world, were unwilling even to seem to be behind it according to the calendar, so they simply decided that the thirty-first day of May should not be followed by the first of June as had been customary, but by the fourteenth; or rather, in that strange anarchistic way of theirs each person, paper or place made a similar shift at any convenient time. It is like the daylight saving movement, only that the trick is played in the calendar instead of the clock.

It was through ecclesiastical consevatism that Russia was left so far behind. The length of the year as established by Julius Caesar was eleven minutes and fourteen seconds too long. The errors accumulated in the course of time until Pope Gregory XIII. saw that something must be done about it, so in 1582 he ordered ten days dropped out and introduced leap years, apparently a feminist movement, for it gives the ladies their innings one time in four.

But the Protestants and the Eastern Orthodox who denied the temporal power of the pope refused to follow him in this reform. To repeat the old Roman joke—doubtless several centuries old, but this is the last time it can be used in connection with current events—they preferred to disagree with the solar system rather than agree with the pope. England held out till 1750, and when it was finally decided to abandon the Julian calendar the English populace was greatly excited and mobs went about shouting: "Give us back our eleven days!" We have not heard of any such riotous demonstrations in Russia, so it seems that the Russian people are more civilized than the English in the eighteenth century.

Bulgaria reformed her calendar when she joined the central powers. So also did Turkey, which had hitherto used the Mohammedan calendar. The Mohammedan year consists of 12 lunar months and is therefore shorter than the solar year by about ten days. This has the inconvenience that the holidays go chasing around the year three times a century. Think how awkward it would be to celebrate Christmas this year in the winter, a few years later in mid-summer and then in the spring.

But now all of us, Catholics, Protestants, Orthodox and Mohammedans have come to agree upon the Gregorian calendar, which only gets a day wrong in 3,323 years. Old style and new style will no longer bother us unless we study history.—New York Independent.

## Helfrich Replies To Lloyd George

**Says British Premier's Latest Statistics are Mere Humbug**

Vice-Chancellor Helffrich during debate before the main committee of the German reichstag said the reason Great Britain entered the war was that Germany's trade would in 1917 presumably have reached the level of the trade of Great Britain.

"This war," the vice-chancellor said, "is the result of tension created by the fact that Great Britain was constantly feeling the glaring and increasing disproportion between her superior world and naval power and Germany's increasing economic strength.

"One ought clearly to recognize that Great Britain's object was our economic oppression. To abandon oneself to any illusion in this respect would be fateful."

Dr. Helfferich repudiated as unjustified the reproach that he ever made any prophecies respecting the efficacy of the German submarine warfare.

"Prophesying," he said, "I leave to Great Britain's premier. Lloyd George's statictics in his latest speech are mere humbug. If the British premier, contrary to his declarations in April, now draws a favorable picture of the situation—although it certainly has not become more favorable—this proves first that public feeling in Great Britain urgently needs to be comforted and second that Lloyd George considers it necessary to play upon German public opinion.

"This impression is confirmed by the obvious consideration that Premier Lloyd George's words can only be explained by the same direct menace which operates despite the prospect of American aid, in the tremendous dash on the western front, with an immense concentration of men and material. This menace is not so much on land or in the air as it is in the water. The opinion shared by Mr. Lloyd George that fine weather is particularly favorable for U-boat activity is a mistaken one. Smooth seas and lulls in the wind are very disagreeable for German U-boats especially in view of the enemy's extensive measures regarding aircraft in particular.

"The navigation of skips under escort obstructs the scope of U-boats, of course, but it also involves considerable disadvantage for the enemy owing to the fact that such a flotilla is unhandy and has difficulty in eluding the submarine attack quickly.

"As sea traffic diminishes sinkings of course, will probably decrease gradually. Today the sinking of even a single ship is felt much more intensely by the entente than at the beginning of the U-boat war. The statements of our naval staff respecting the tonnage resources of Great Britain may be regarded as exact."

### Identified

Binks—Shafer, do you know that woman across the street?

Shafer—She certainly looks familiar. Let me see. It's my wife's new dress, my daughter's hat and my mother-in-law's parasol—sure! It's our cook.—Philadelphia Ledger.

## Heroes Learn Trades

**How Canada Cares for Her Disabled Soldiers—A New Chance for Every Defender**

A corner of the cobblers' room in one of Canada's military convalescent hospitals has been turned into a barber's shop. The barber, of course, is a soldier, but, unable to fight, he has exchanged the bayonet for the razor. The cobblers, too, are soldiers in the same situation, who have exchanged the rifle and bomb for the hammer and last.

That busy room, with cobblers and barber side by side, is a good illustration of the astonishing variety of methods employed by the military hospitals commission, to equip Canada's disabled defenders for active service in the field of peaceful industry when forced to quit the field of battle. If a man is found unsuitable for one occupation, there is always another to try; and one of the main objects of the commission is to discover what each man is suited for.

The barber was a difficult man to suit; but he was suited at last. The record does not state the number of fresh wounds inflicted on his wounded comrades by his preliminary operations; but they cannot have been very serious, for his chair became quite a popular resort. It is a self-supporting business, too. The chair and mirror were loaned by a patriotic firm; but the other requisites of the trade are paid for by the soldiers' five-cent shaves.

It is also an educational institution, this barber's corner, like the rest of the room. Ex-soldiers learn to shave the faces and cut the hair of their fellow-citizens as they learn to mend their shoes, or to act as carpenters and metal workers, draughtsmen and typewriters, bookkeepers and beekeepers, gardeners and engineers.

A few, quite unfitted for their old trades, will need special training for new occupations, and will receive it freely, as well as money allowances for their families' support while they are being trained. But nearly every man is able to earn a good living when he comes out of the convalescent hospital. It remains for his fortunate fellow-countrymen, for whom he offered his life, to see that he always gets the work he is best able to do.

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Mothers who keep a box of Baby's Own Tablets in the house may feel that the lives of their little ones are reasonably safe during the hot weather. Stomach troubles, cholera infantum and diarrhoea carry off thousands of little ones every summer, in most cases because the mother does not have a safe medicine at hand to give promptly. Baby's Own Tablets cure these troubles, or if given occasionally to the well child will prevent their coming on. The Tablets are guaranteed by a government analyst to be absolutely harmless even to the newborn babe. They are especially good in summer because they regulate the bowels and keep the stomach sweet and pure. They are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

### Hard on the Lions

The Revered Charles H. Spurgeon's keen wit was always based on sterling common sense. One day he remarked to one of his sons:

"Can you tell me the reason why the lions didn't eat Daniel?"

"No, sir. Why was it?"

"Because the most of him was backbone and the rest was grit."—Hit-Bits.

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**All Night with Asthma.** Everyone knows how attacks of asthma often keep their victim awake the whole night long. Morning finds him wholly unfitted for a day of business and yet, business must still be carried through. All this night suffering and lack of rest can be avoided by the prompt use of Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy, which positively does drive away the attacks.

## Animals Under Fire

**Cats Do Not Mind Machine Guns or Shells**

Different animals will act differently under heavy bombardment, the same as different men will act differently. Dogs, as a rule, have shown great distress when shells burst near them and howl piteously. On the other hand they have been known to dash along the front of a trench during infantry fire, barking and apparently enjoying the noise. Cats don't seem to care whether they are shelled or machine guns are trained on them, as long as they have a dry corner and food when they are hungry. There have been instances of lost dogs and cats actually venturing into British trenches during an engagement. Some of them lived in cottages near the firing line, others strayed a long distance. A west county yeomanry contingent was adopted in the thick of a fight by a black cat, which survived a bombardment that killed many men, and has since lived sumptuously in billets with an identification disc around its neck.

### Prussian Means "Spy"

Spying is just as essential an ingredient of Prussian character as conceit, indifference to the feelings of others, jealousy, envy, self-satisfaction, industry, inquisitiveness, cruelty, veneration for officialdom, imitativeness, materialism and the other national attributes that will occur to those who know Prussia, as distinct from the other German states.

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## Constancy

**When Masculine Constancy Turned a Sudden Somersault**

A story about Lord Kitchener, who was often spoken of as "the most distinguished bachelor in the world," is being told. A young member of his staff when he was in India asked for a furlough in order to go home and be married. Kitchener listened to him patiently, then he said:

"Kenilworth, you're not yet twenty-five. Wait a year. If then you still desire to do this thing you shall have leave."

The year passed. The officer once more proffered his request.

"After thinking it over for twelve months," said Kitchener, "you still wish to marry?"

"Yes, sir."

"Very well, you shall have your furlough. And frankly, my boy, I scarcely thought there was so much constancy in the masculine world."

Kenilworth the story concludes, marched to the door, but turned to say as he was leaving: "Thank you, sir, only it's not the same woman."—The Argonaut.

## Want To Know Why

**Under Democracy We Will Know the Reason**

In Germany, under autocracy, they say "Verboten" and that ends it. Nobody dares ask why. In a democracy the multitude is accustomed to ask why when anyone says "Verboten." The kaiser can kick a premier around the block and the plain people may say nothing. The autocrat may decree foodless days if he wishes and woe betide him who asks questions. Under democracy we will know the reason. We have the right to ask why! One of the first things American children learn is to ask why. One of the first things German children learn is to obey! And so all the children of the earth may have their chance to ask why the democracies of the world are going to kick the last "verboten" sign off the planet. The eternal desire to ask and learn and reason is going to be enthroned as the supremest thing on earth. And that, in a very plain, simple way, is what it's all about. Did you ever stop to think why there are so many Germans in America? Well—Germany is the answer.—Wisconsin State Journal.

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### A Confession

To evacuate Belgium is impossible argues the Berlin Tageszeitung, because Belgium would henceforth be an irreconcilable enemy of Germany. Unintentionally this newspaper does its part to confirm the worst that has been said of the conduct of the Germans in Belgium. Other countries have been invaded and have been reconciled, Austria was invaded by Prussia, and a few years later became an ally. Why, then, should Germans, who were in favor of Belgium in 1914, have become objects of such detestation that Germany will henceforth have to rule the Belgians with an iron hand? Outside of Germany it needs little explaining; within Germany explanations are awkward.—From the Springfield Republican.

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### A Problem Solved

Pa—At last I've found a way to make that young scamp of ours stop winking his eyes.

Ma—Really?

Pa—Yes; I'll show him the articles in this science magazine where it says that every time we wink we give the eye a bath.—Buffalo Express.


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### A Riddle

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Teulon, Manitoba, Thursday October 11, 1917, at 10 o'clock a.m.

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Birtle, Manitoba, Friday, October 19, 1917, at 10 o'clock a.m.

The lands will be offered in quarter sections subject to a certain upset price in each case, and will be sold without regard to persons who may be in illegal occupation of the same, but such persons will be allowed until the 1st June 1918, to remove any improvements they may have on the land.

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# The Rural Municipality of Wallace

## Sale of Lands for Arrears of Taxes

BY virtue of a warrant issued by the Reeve of the Rural Municipality of Wallace in the Province of Manitoba, under his hand and the corporate seal of the said Municipality, to me directed and bearing date the 22nd day of September, 1917, commanding me to levy on the several parcels of land hereunder mentioned and described for the arrears of taxes due thereon, together with costs, I do hereby give notice that unless said arrears of taxes and costs are sooner paid, I will, on Wednesday the 31st day of October, A.D. 1917, at the Council Chamber in the Town of Virden in the said Rural Municipality at the hour of Two o'clock in the afternoon, proceed to sell by Public Auction the said lands for arrears of taxes and costs.

| Description | S-T-R | Acres more or less | Arrears of Taxes | Costs | Total | Pat. or Un-pat |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| North half | 2-10-26 | 320 | $215.44 | .50 | $215.94 | Pat. |
| South half | 12-10-26 | 320 | 197.01 | .50 | 197.51 | " |
| ½ of the N. hf. | 13-10-26 | 106 | 129.61 | .50 | 130.11 | " |
| Part of West hf. described in crt. of Title No. 16839. Excepting thereont the part thereof described in C. of Title No. V. 349 | 14-10-26 | | 116.91 | .50 | 117.41 | " |
| Part of N.W. qr described in C. of Title No. V. 235 | 15-10-26 | | 108.36 | .50 | 108.86 | " |
| N.E. qr. | 26-11-25 | 160 | 88.52 | .50 | 89.02 | " |
| N.E. & S.W. qr. | 31-11-26 | 320 | 195.17 | .50 | 195.67 | " |
| N.W. qr. | 14-12-26 | 160 | 31.21 | .50 | 31.71 | " |
| N.E. qr. | 24-12-26 | 160 | 40.97 | .50 | 41.47 | " |
| N.W. qr. | 24-12-26 | 160 | 51.13 | .50 | 51.63 | " |
| N. half | 6-10-27 | 320 | 120.29 | .50 | 120.79 | " |
| S. half | 7-11-27 | 320 | 184.52 | .50 | 185.02 | " |
| Block 2, lots 8 and 9, Reg. Inst No. 1860 | 14-11-27 | | 58.15 | .50 | 58.65 | " |
| N. half | 27-12-27 | 320 | 178.00 | .50 | 178.50 | " |
| N.E. qr | 28-12-27 | 160 | 91.54 | .50 | 92.04 | " |
| S. half and S. hf. of N.E. qr. | 34-12-27 | 400 | 253.13 | .50 | 253.63 | " |
| N.hf & S.W. qr. | 2-10-28 | 480 | 180.44 | .50 | 180.94 | " |
| S.W. qr | 32-11-28 | 160 | 161.18 | .50 | 161.68 | " |
| N.W. qr. | 13-12-28 | 160 | 99.70 | .50 | 100.20 | " |
| S. half, block 1, lots 15 to 23, inclusive, plan 254 | 33-11-29 | | 133.79 | .50 | 134.29 | " |
| Part of N.E. qr | 22-12-29 | | 8.40 | .50 | 8.90 | " |
| Block 1, part of lot 2, lots 3, 4 and 5, plan 187, as described in C. of Title V. 2, excepting part thereof described in Cert. of Title V. 379; and that portion commencing at a point on the N. E. boundary of lot 2 distant 50 ft. N.W. from N.E. angle of lot, thence S. W. prrallel to Poplar Ave. 60ft. thence N. W. parallel with Front St. 50ft. thence N.E. parallel to Poplar Ave. 60ft. to Front St.; thence along Front St. 50ft. to point of commencement | 22-12-29 | | 295.23 | .50 | 295.73 | " |
| Block 1, part of lot 1, lots 3, 4 and 5, plan 187 Except that portion described in Cert. of Title V. 2 | 22-12-29 | | 8.40 | .50 | 8.90 | " |
| N hf. of the N. E. qr. | 25-12-20 | | 33.42 | .50 | 33.92 | " |

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Wm. WHITEFORD, Secretary-Treasurer.


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## Local Notes

Miss Rose Young, of Kenton, is spending the week at her home here.

Miss Kathleen Wilson, of Winnipeg, is the guest of Mrs. Brinkman.

Misses E. Black and A. Knight, of Virden, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Cousins, last week end.

FOR SALE —Large "Radiant Home" Self-feeder Stove, good as new, complete with pipes, etc. Apply to—R. N. Scotney.

There's fruit galore at the West End Store, also a fine lot of cabbage—Just the thing for the threshers.

The Girls' Auxiliary of St. Mark's church will hold their Seventh Annual Tea and Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Further details will be announced later.

Mr. H. Cline is prepared to undertake Automobile repairs of every description at the Elkhorn Garage Messrs Parsons & VanBrunt's premises.

Mrs. Morgan, neice of Mrs. T. Sheldrake, who has been spending the summer months with her aunt at Elkhorn, left on Sunday for her home at Fort William.

Don't forget the "Rally" at the Methodist church next Sunday afternoon at 2.30. Open session, special program. Show that you are interested in the developement of the Sunday School.

Mr. W. Crawford's separator was destroyed by fire on Thursday evening last. Billie left ot once for Chater, secured and shipped a a separator belonging to his father and was able to resume threshing on Saturday.

Several members of Elkhorn Lodge A.F. & A.M., motored to Virden and attended the meeting of Lebanon Lodge, Tuesday evening. The unveiling of an Honor Roll of seventeen of its members who have enlisted for Overseas was the feature of this meeting.

"Rally Day" will be observed at the Presbyterian church on Monday morning next, at 11 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all who are interested in Sunday School work to attend this special yearly service.

The H. E. S. sent $20 to the Red Cross Society for cut out shirts to be made up and sent to our boys at the front. The call for shirts is very urgent and as we need money for this work, we ask any farmer who can spare a bushel of grain to leave it at either elevator.

The magnificient weather of the past week has been fully taken advantage of by threshers and as so much of the crop is light and the straw short the ground is being covered very quickly. From present reports the average yield for the district will be about 15 bushels per acre and the quality 1N.

The Anniversary Services of the Presbyterian church will be held on Sunday, Oct. 28th. Rev. Peter Scott, B.A., of Virden will occupy the pulpit on this occasion. In connection with the Anniversary, the Ladies' Aid purpose giving a concert and supper, further particulars of this feature will be given later.

The call of the west has again attracted Mr. A. B. Statham and he will be with us again ere' this paper has been read by our subcubscribes. "Automobolgy" appeals more strongly than "Criminology" to Arthur and we presume that Ben will be glad to have the services of this elf-like expert again —anyway he will receive a cordial welcome on his return.

"Come over here!"

Professor Cotton, of Wycliffe College, Toronto, was the guest of Mr. and W. Brinkman last week.

Save money by buying your groceries at Carscadden's on Saturday.

The Methodist Ladies' Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. F. C. Norris, on Wednesday, Oct. 3rd, at 3 p.m.

The I.O.D.E. are asking every farmer if he will give either a half or a whole bushel of wheat out of his entire crop for Patriotic purposes. The managers at the elevators have very kindly consented to receive wheat tickets or their equivalent in money. Dodgers with full particulars will appear later.

The Brockville Evening Recorder of Sept. 15th, contains the appointment of Miss Irene Jones as a stenographer to the secretary to Sir R. L. Borden. Miss Jones was born and spent her early days at Elkhorn and her old friends in the village and district will be extremely pleased to hear of her obtaining so important a position.

**Mr. W. McFadzean, Blacksmith desires to notify all patrons that any woodwork required is still done for him by Mr. Vodden. Any repairs that need the aid of a Wheelwright can therefore be left at "Bill's" shop, next to Knight's Lumber Yard—They will receive prompt attention.**

In order to keep parents in better touch with the work and progress of the pupils, the usual monthly report form has been condensed and made up in booklet form. This report book becomes the property of the parent at the close of the school year, but must be promptly signed and returned to the teacher at the end of each month until the close of that year. It enables the parents to make a comparison of each month's work and should help to increase their interest in the progress the pupils are making.

### BEST OF ALL ASSETS.

**Character It is That Wins the Great Battles of Life.**

"God Almighty hates a quitter," said Tom Reed of Maine. The nation roared applause from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the lakes to the gulf for the virile vigor of this rough expression of manhood. The sentiment is one of perennial value.

But what makes the man who does not know when he is defeated and fights to the finish, be the finish his or his opponent's? Is it not character, and is not character at bottom only the moral equivalent of stalwart backbone?

The quitter fails, and fails because he lacks the force of character, the strength of will, which sees possibilities beyond capacities and regards obstacles as opportunities, discouragements as incentives. The fight which is worth attempting at all is the fight which deserves to be fought through. "It's dogged as does it," as when Heenan said to Sayers. "Now, Tummy, lad, 'tis thou or I," and he won the last round and the match.

There was character. It may not have been ideal character. It certainly was not character in its highest expression. But it was the sum of the man's whole personality. All the power of him, all the pith and punch of invincible determination, went into the winning of his fight. The bulldog shows the same strength of will when he lets himself be choked or cut to pieces rather than let go his grip on the other dog's jugular.

It is this readiness to be killed, if need be, if one cannot best one's adversary, which wins the battle of life for men and the wars of nations for their existence. Such a readiness is a form of character and the product, whether aware or unaware, of a fight to achieve character. It is the resection of the spirit to the long working of life and circumstances upon the raw and plastic ore of human nature.

Make money, then, and do so honorably. Get understanding for the sake of social service as well as your own growth. Win power over men through right methods of approach and appeal. But with all your getting and gains achieve character above all.

Nothing can take the place of character. It knows of no substitute. Cleverness, cunning and shrewdness are paper money. Character is the gold which alone gives them value. Pierpont Morgan rated character above collateral as security for loans and credit. Character is the best of all assets.—Spokane Spokesman-Review.

### Hints to Milliners.

"No successful milliner can work alone," says a milliner in the American Magazine. "If she does her hats will come to have a sameness year after year that will lose her patrons. If she cannot go to Paris she must visit shops, such as mine is at present, and see as many smart people as possible. This is a fact generally recognized by all good shops. Those in the middle west and far west who cannot send their representatives abroad send them to New York instead, and the smaller milliner who cannot afford even this must keep up with the smartest people in her own town and the nearest large cities and even supplement this by the smart trade magazines."


## Announcement

Our place of business is small, therefore we are unable to make the full display of our goods that we would like to. However, we have, no doubt, your requirements, even if not displayed and we want to direct your attention to a few lines which are in demand at this time, with the request that you compare them with some of the Mail Order Houses.

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## Youthful German Soldiers Blamed

**Germans Claim That Boys Cause Regiments to Become Demoralized**

The examination of German prisoners taken by the British continues, and out of 940 questioned more than 25 per cent. were found to belong to the 1918 class. Non-commissioned German officers relate how they are hampered by the demoralization of the younger recruits with whom they are supplied. They say they cannot rely upon these youngsters, and similar complaints are heard about the inefficiency of the young German officers in the battle of Flanders. The demoralization of certain German regiments at Langemarck and Polygon Wood was complete; and this was due, according to captured non-commissioned officers, to the preponderance of eighteen-year-old youths in the ranks.

**It Eeases Pain.** Ask any druggist or dearler in medicines what is the most popular of the medicinal oils for pains in the joints, in the muscles or nerves, or for neuralgia and rheumatism, and he will tell you that Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil is in greater demand than any other. The reason for this is that it possesses greater healing qualities than any other oil.

## "Swagger Sticks"

**An Innovation That Is Taking Hold In the United States**

Two months ago Boston had a few "swagger sticks" feminine, of course, for the man who dared wear one would have been hooted off the street. Then came to the Common the recruiting detachments from Canadian regiments, the Kilties among them, every man Sandy of them carrying a swagger stick, and presto! the fad was started. Now the craze grips the country from sea to sea, and the end is not yet. In June, in Washington, not a swagger stick in sight, a few perhaps, in August. Washington, swarming now with officers is all swaggered up, so to speak. Every newly commissioned training camp rookie carries one, and even some of the regulars have succumbed. Among the enlisted men swaggeritis rages like a smallpox epidemic in a South Sea island. Naturally the swagger stick is being denounced as roundly as was the wrist watch a few years ago. But it will withstand the knockers. What if it is a British importation? The Yankee is, or was, a stick-carrying animal; the swagger appeals to a sentiment inherent in our national character. And the swagger stick is a good thing from the military point of view—it makes for a soldierly appearance. It gives a man in uniform something to do with his hands, and permits him to overcome his natural instinct to slouch, with his fists in his pockets.—Boston Transcript.

**Resemblances**

Wiggins—Speaking of facial characteristics, do you know that I was once taken for President Roosevelt?

Biggins—And a man once mistook me for the kaiser.

Diggins—That's nothing; a few weeks ago an old school chum of mine stepped up to me on the street and remarked, "Holy Moses, is that you?"—Woman's World.

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## For Bulk Grain Shipments

**Orders to Stencil Inches on Railway Cars**

The railway board has acceded to the request of the Alberta Pacific Grain company, and others, asking for an order requiring railway companies to stencil inches in box cars suitable for shipments of bulk grain in the prairie provinces, thereby establishing a load line. The order states that with existing conditions of traffic and the demand on railway equipment it is impossible to fix a time limit for the completion of this work. The cars are to be stenciled from time to time as they are shopped for repairs and the new cars which are being put into the grain traffic are to be so equipped. The board points out that its order cannot apply to foreign cars, which are estimated to represent from twelve to fifteen per cent. of the rolling stock in use at a given time.

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## An Unwilling Tribute

**Enemy Now Forced to Admit That Britain Controls the Seas**

A third year of the naval war has passed. No single event has occurred so far as the main forces either of this country and the allies on the one hand, or of the central powers on the other, are concerned. Contrast the comparative silence and apparent inactivity of the big ships at sea with the series of stirring events which have happened on the western front, in Egypt, in Mesopotamia and in East Africa in the past 12 months. Is there any occasion for disappointment? In truth, history is repeating itself under our eyes. Fate according to us a degree of favor with which our forefathers a century or so ago were unfamiliar. For 21 or 22 years they were confronted with an indubitable and embarrassing fact—the command of the sea was in dispute. After the battle of Trafalgar the character of the struggle changed, but it did not end, for it was in the succeeding ten years that, under the pressure of events, the cost of the navy and its strength in ships and men were forced up stage by stage. The past year's silence at sea, except for destroyer raids and piracy, is the unwilling tribute paid by the enemy to the efficiency of the grand fleet and its auxiliary services.—London Daily Telegraph.

## EVERY WOMAN'S RIGHT

To every woman belongs the right to enjoy a healthy, active, happy life, yet nine out of every ten suffer years of agony, usually from some form of bloodlessness. That is why one sees on every side pale thin cheeks, dull eyes and drooping figures—sure signs of headaches, weak backs, aching limbs and uncertain health. All weak, suffering women should win the right to be well by refreshing their weary bodies with the new, rich, red blood that promptly transforms them into healthy attractive women. This new, rich, red blood is supplied in abundance by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills which reaches every organ and every nerve in the body.

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## Hun Critic Says Britain Must Be Beaten On Land

**Otherwise Hope Must Be Abandoned for "Honorable" Peace**

Gen. von Ardenne, military critic of the Berlin Tageblatt, warns the German army leaders that they must bestir themselves to find some strategic or tactical means of winning a decisive victory on the western front, and of defeating England, the soul of the hostile coalition, on land; otherwise, he says, there is no hope of bringing the war to an honorable end for Germany.

German leadership, Gen. Ardenne maintains, always has been able to direct the campaign into new courses when stagnation threatened, and he adds that the Germans are entitled to believe methods will be found to force mighty England through battles on land to seek peace. The military critic intimates this might be done by an attempt to overwhelm the French army, which, he assumes is weakened and discouraged, before the arrival of American assistance, which, he says, would leave England isolated.

**An Argosy of the Air**

The prize of victory is enormous—the salvation of a world's civilization; the extirpation of a world's tyranny heavier than the yoke of the Pharaohs. In this matter of air predominance, let England look to no other resources than her own. America is coming quickly; but we cannot wait for her. Let every breath of skilled energy, every ounce of requisite material, be devoted forthwith to this single, central, overwhelming object, the creation of a thrusting argosy of the air so overmastering that it will annihilate the resistance of the Boche vultures in Flanders and in France, and drive them, croaking despair and defeat, back to the shamed and sullen Fatherland.—London Daily Express.

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## Queer Scotch Saw Mill

**Canadian Bushmen-soldiers Amazed at Miniature Outfit**

A Canadian forester describes the mills used in Scotland by the 244th Forestry battalion: The Canadian mills in use are semi-portable ones, cutting from 20 to 30 thousand feet B.M. per day. A Scotch mill, with a capacity of from 3 to 5 thousand feet B.M. per day, is utilized on some operations These Scotch mills are a source of amusing interest to the Canadian lumber jack. The engine sits on top of the boiler, and the mill is driven by a fly wheel. The logs are fed to the saw on a platform which lies on rollers. These rollers are forced to turn by a man turning a crank, and the platform is pushed forward, thus causing the log to go forward against the saw. Some mill!

## YES! MAGICALLY! CORNS LIFT OUT WITH FINGERS

You say to the drug store man, "Give me a small bottle of freezone." This will cost very little but will positively remove every hard or soft corn or callus from one's feet.

A few drops of this new ether compound applied directly upon a tender, aching corn relieves the soreness instantly, and soon the entire corn or callus, root and all, dries up and can be lifted off with the fingers.

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Don't let father die of infection or lockjaw from whittling at his corns, but clip this out and make him try it.

If you druggist hasn't any freezone tell him to order a small bottle from his wholesale drug house for you.

## Paris a Seaport After the War

**Scheme Is to Make the Seine River Navigable**

Paris as one of the world's great seaports of the future is today more than an idle dream.

Ever since the seventeenth century the idea of a seaport Paris has been occasionally discussed by learned Frenchmen and approved as highly advisable. But it has taken the big war to develop the plan so that today it is a potent possibility. The war has demanded the absolute necessity of providing Paris with a navigable waterway direct to the sea, so that ocean-going ships might bring their cargoes into dock at the French metropolis.

The "Paris Seaport" scheme has been handed down from generation to generation, with additions and modifications on paper. Then came the great floods of 1910 when whole quarters of Paris were inundated and traffic was suspended for days. It was then definitely decided that a canal system must be built to relieve the main stream in case of new floods and the idea of widening and deepening the Seine was also considered. Today the prefect of the Seine has issued circulars to the municipal authorities, outlining a definite and new scheme for rendering the Seine navigable for big shipping from Paris to Rouen and proposing that a port be built at Gennevilliers, outside of Paris, with easy access to the capital.

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While walking along the street an epileptic dropped in a fit and was quickly rushed to the hospital. Upon removing his coat one of the nurses found a piece of paper pinned to the lining, on which was written:

"This is to inform the house surgeon that this is just a plain fit—not appendicitis. My appendix has already been removed twice."—New York Times.

Parson—This eccentricity you speak of in your daughter, isn't it, after all, a matter of heredity?

Girl's Mother—No, sir. I'd have you to know that there was never any heredity in our family.—Boston Transcript.

**The Usual Way**

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## Will Relieve Monotony

**Moving Pictures Prove Popular on British Warships**

The latest films, and good ones at that, instead of the flickery, eye-straining kind, will be shown to the British sailors in their long, arduous wait for the German fleet to come out and fight. Liverpool citizens established a fund which they placed at the disposal of Admiral Beatty for any purpose he might name and the admiral wrote back:

"I can serve this intention in no better way than by indicating the work of the newly-formed Fleet Cinema Committee, organizing moving picture entertainments on each ship. The benefit to the man will be real and lasting and I know of no better means by which their minds can be temporarily withdrawn from the monotony of their surroundings and thereby become refreshed and reinvigorated to renew their work."

Worms feed upon the vitality of children and endanger their lives. A simple and effective cure is Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator.

## The Dutch Potato Puzzle

**German Pressure on Holland Has the Desired Effect**

The mystery surrounding the trouble over potatoes in Holland has been cleared up. Under the commercial agreement between Great Britain and Holland, which has been carried out with a fair degree of impartiality, Holland agreed to supply England with so many bushels of potatoes a month.

All went well till Germany, hearing that 12,000 tons were to be shipped to England, demanded 1000 tons at once. This was complied with. Delay ensued in the shipping of the English supplies, and once more the Dutch government gave way to German pressure, and shipped what was intended and required, under agreement, by England.

On the British ambassador declaring that the consequences would be grave if the English supplies were not made good, the people caught up to the intrigue, and knowing that Germany would still demand her share, and would look upon the 12,000 tons as an extra, they started the agitation which ended in riots.

It is an interesting story, and shows how easily certain interests can be squeezed even in a country that has apparently tried to be scrupulously neutral like Holland. Great Britain insists upon the fulfilment of the agreement.

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## When War Comes

**Effect of the War on Strengthening Home Ties**

Probably every man in the United States has thought more about his family in the last three months than ever before in his life—more seriously, I mean. It has been a great time for the quiet revaluation of family ties. To me it has been rather a revelation. I have always supposed that I was unusually loyal to my parents and my brothers and sisters.

"I write to my mother regularly, and have always chipped in when anyone of the folks have been in a tight place. But I woke up with a start yesterday to the realization that in all these weeks when my decision has been forming I haven't thought of any of them once. All my thought has been of her and Peter.

It brought home to me how much more she means in my life than any other members of my family—yes, more than all of them together. I don't suppose anything in the world could have made it quite so terribly clear to me—anything except her death. The war will not be all loss to me, no matter how much it costs, if only I can come back and have some years in which to make her as happy as I know at this minute she deserves to be.—American Magazine.

**A Kind-Hearted Irishman**

Travelling through Ireland on horseback, a tourist came upon an old man who was fencing in a most barren and desolate piece of land.

"What are you fencing in that lot for, Pat?" said he. "A herd of cows would starve to death on that land."

"An' sure, your honor, wasn't I fincing it to keep the poor bastes out av it?"

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Cure fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.
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**He Won**

An Irishman, passing a shop where a notice was displayed saying that everything was sold by the yard thought he would play a joke on the shopman, so he entered the shop and asked for a yard of milk. The shopman, not in the least taken aback, dipped his fingers in a bowl of milk and drew a line a yard long on the counter. Pat, not wishing to be caught in his own trap, asked the price.

"Sixpence," said the shopman.

"Al right, sorr," said Pat. "Roll it up; I'll take it."

## Romance in Slav Names

**Meanings Connected With Joy, Victory, and Fame**

Few Canadians know there is romance in the strange-sounding Russian names brought to our notice by the war.

It is interesting, in the first place, to note how largely names signifying "hope," "victory," "fame," and "joy" figure in Russian, Polish and Slavonic nomenclature, while "glory" is capable of forming an entire class by itself. All of which evidences that spirit of fiery patriotism which burns in every Slav breast, and has caused this conflict to be regarded as a "holy war."

The Czar's name, Nicholas (which appears in his own country as Nikolaj, or Nikalo), bears the auspicious meaning of "victory of the people," being derived from the old Greek word nikon (victory).

Another beautiful Russian name is Anikta, which means, literally, "without victory"; hence, "unconquered."

Few would recognize our familiar John under the poetic Ivan, with the feminines Ivanna and Ivancica, all of which means "grace of the Lord."

Our Elizabeth appears as Elisavetta (oath of God), and Kate is transformed into Katarina of the musical Katinka.

Jefronissa (mirth), Jelica (light), and Jevva (life) are surely a happy trio from which to christen a baby girl.

Here are just a few of the countless "glory" names: Stanislay (camp glory), Mitrofan (fire glory), Mistislav (avenging glory), Lavoslav (lion glory), Vatroslav (fiery glory) Wencelaus or Venceslav, as the true spelling is (crown glory), Clavomir (glorious friend), Slavomir (glorious peace), and Slavoje( glorious love), or the three beautiful feminines, Eudoxia (happy glory), Miscolav (peace glory), and Valeska, (ruling glory).

In all of these except Eudoxia, which is used in its Greek form, we shall see that "Slav" signifies "Glory"; hence the pride of the Slavonic race in their title.

"Fame" belongs to Valdemar (powerful fame), Valdimir (ruling the world), Rurik (famed rule), and Ulrika (noble rule).

One of the prettiest groups of Russian names is that which corresponds to our "Dorothy" set, and comprises Fedor, Feodor, Ferodora, and Feodosia, all meaning "God's gift"; while Pheodora and Pheodosia denote "Divine gift." "Joy" is the meaning of the following: Radak, Radan, Radko, and Radman, and form ideal names for little Russian boys. Dadmil (joyful love) and Radivoj (joyful war) supply two others, while the pretty Radinka (joyful peace) will surely be used greatly when that glad day comes!

Paul, meaning "little," has a whole host of variations, of which the best known are Pavla, Pavola, and Pavlina.

"Peter" denotes "a stone" or "rock" and supplies the basis of the name Petrograd (stone city, or, more nearly, rock fortress), which the Czar has substituted for the former St. Petersburg, a title that was really incorrect, inasmuch as Russia's capital has no connection with St. Peter, but was called after Peter the Great, the Russian emperor.

Minard's Liniment Cures Burns, etc.

## New German Air Tricks

**Number of Tactics Astound Airmen of the Allies**

The Germans are gradually finding a new and daring type of aviator. Previous to the opening of the present spring the German pilot was looked upon as a joke by both British and French fliers. Now, as the result of copying the aeronautics of the allies, and training under some of the oldest airmen, they have assumed a number of tactics in their efforts to hit a target that have astounded the airmen of the allies.

The most startling trick to watch is a new one, whereby a pilot flying horizontally at top speed will suddenly switch his machine clean around till his tail is pointing where his nose was before, and will slide along backward for a moment or two before coming to a stop and diving to regain flying speed. One has often seen a motor car on a greasy road suddenly skid right around and slide along, tail first for a few yards, and apparently this new German trick does the same thing in the air.

Those who have seen the thing done declare that it is quite a useful fighting trick, for a very fast machine may overshoot a slower one, then turn suddenly, pump a burst of machine gun bullets into the front of it and dive away before the startled gunner has time to reply.

When German airplanes appeared a few weeks ago painted like Joseph's coat, of many colors, the impressionist correspondent jumped to the conclusion that the change was a boyish vanity. But when one comes to think it over there is a good deal more method in the madness than appears at first sight. Most people have met those horrible advertisements in which bright red letters are printed large on a blue ground. One is supposed to look at them intensely for a few moments, and then to look up at a white ceiling, whereupon one sees that same lettering with the colors reversed. Others will remember how bright yellow and blue in alternate stripes affect the eyes so that the lines of yellow and blue seem to dance over and into one another till one's eyes swim.

Well, something of that sort seems to be the underlying idea of the new color scheme. As the machines twist and dodge in the course of an air flight, first one glaring color and then another flashes across the British machine gunner's sights, or a plain neutral tint is succeeded by a flash of some color that absolutely hurts the eye, and so, presumably, the enemy hopes to put our men off their best shooting form.

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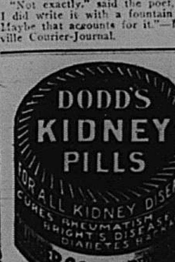
## Science and the War

**Canada Will Need to Use All Experts When Peace Comes**

Addressing the Empire Club of Toronto, Prof. McLennan, head of the physics department of the University of Toronto, and member of one of the English war inventions boards, urged similar devotion of scientific energy in Canada for war purposes. Attention was paid by the speaker to conditions after the war, when, he said, the national debt would be very large. He advised that the scientists turn their attention to the development of agriculture as the surest way in which the export industry of Canada might be made to exceed the import industry. To do this he advocated the further development of the natural stands of Potash for fertilization found in British Columbia, and the utilization of our water power to make this into fertilizer. Prof. McLennan asked the business men and manufacturers of the city to co-operate with the Royal Canadian Institute, of which he was the president, to further the practical use of science both in the war and in the business life of the nation.

"I like this poem of yours to a brook. It fairly gurgles. You evidently wrote it by a rippling rill."

"Not exactly," said the poet, "but I did write it with a fountain pen. Maybe that accounts for it."—Louisville Courier-Journal.



# GERMANY CANNOT STARVE BRITAIN DECLARES PREMIER LLOYD GEORGE

## WHEAT RESERVES STEADILY ON THE INCREASE

### Britain Has Food and Ships to Last Until 1919, If Necessary, and Figures Show that Shipping Losses are Steadily Growing Smaller, and the Submarines are Doomed to Failure

A message of hope and quiet confidence in the future was recently given to the British nation in the house of commons by Premier Lloyd George. The people of the British Isles cannot be starved, despite the German submarine campaign, he declared, and the military situation grows more hopeful. The difficulties of the Allies will grow less and their troubles of Germany will increase and her power fall away.

"This is the supreme hour for patience," the Premier declared, in conclusion, "for courage, for endurance, for hope, for unity. Let us go through this hour with a temper that will enable us to destroy a great military despotism. Let us go through this hour with the old temper of our race, so that next year we shall begin, and the world shall begin, to reap the fruits of our valor."

The Premier said he agreed that the people of the country were all the better for being told even unpalatable truths, but they also must be told the truth, even if it was palatable. They could not exercise reasonable judgment or come to decisions regarding facts unless both the cherry and discouraging sides were presented to them.

The Premier said he proposed to deal with the food situation and submarines, because special efforts were being made to create an impression not justified in the least by the facts. Earlier in the year he had called attention to the very anxious condition of the food supply. Since then, owing largely to the energetic efforts of Baron Devonport, the former food controller, and organization by the shipping controller, the situation had improved considerably.

This time last year the wheat in this country amounted to 6,480,000 quarters and now it is 8,500,000. The stock of both oats and barley, the Premier added, also was higher. There has been a considerable saving in bread consumption and, owing to closer milling and food economy, there has been an addition to the wheat stock of 70,000,000 quarters per week.

He still urged economy in view of the general wheat position. The more the country economized, the less it would have to draw upon the reservoirs of the United States and Canada, from which Italy and France also have to draw. There had been an increase also in the reserve of sugar.

The necessary labor for the harvest was forthcoming and, by spring, there will be 8,000 tractors. The Premier added: "With reasonable economy there is no chance of starving out the people of these islands."

Dealing with the shipping situation, the Premier said that the Germans had been busy circulating figures regarding the destruction of shipping. They were doing it in Germany to cheer up their own people, and were circulating a set of figures throughout Germany and Austria, on the authority of the German admiralty, with the object of creating the impression that England could not last much longer.

The unrestricted submarine campaign began in February, and by April, the Premier said, England had lost 560,000 tons of shipping in one month. The German official figures, he added, claimed that England was losing between 450,000 and 500,000 monthly, after allowing for new construction. The figures of 560,000 tons for April was gross. In June the losses had fallen to 320,000 tons gross.

This announcement was cheered loudly.

In addition, the Premier said, he had taken steps for quickening shipbuilding and had ordered a good many ships abroad. In 1915 the new tonnage built was 688,000 tons. In 1916 it was 533,000 tons. For the first six months of this year it was 480,000 tons. The tonnage acquired during the last six months of the year, the Premier added, would be 1,430,000 of which 1,000,000 was being built in Great Britain. The total for the year would be 1,900,000 tons.

The Premier declared that the net shipping losses were far from being what the Germans claimed. They were 250,000 tons monthly, and if the present improvement was maintained the net loss for July and August will be 175,000 tons each.

The figures showed that the admiralty was meeting with considerable success in combatting the submarines. The shipping controller had organized shipping by means of better loading and discharging of ships more quickly, and by taking ships off longer voyages, so that, although the tonnage was diminished, they were carrying more tons. This was in addition to the large naval construction.

Premier Lloyd George said he believed the losses would grow smaller. He was sure construction would increase if more ships were still needed. If the United States put forward her full capacity, as he had no doubt she was preparing to do in her own thorough way, there would be sufficient tonnage not only for the whole of 1918, but, if necessary, for 1919.

"I do not think," the Premier said, "the time has come for a full review of the military situation. The main facts are well known to the house and the country. I had anticipated this year a great converging movement against our foe. Russia was equipped for that part as she never before had been equipped. I venture to say that the nippers were beginning to grip, but to be quite frank, one claw of the nippers is out of repair for the moment, and therefore we have not got that same converging pressure we had anticipated.

"But things are mending. The situation in Russia is a very difficult one, and I should be sorry to say anything which would make it more difficult, because it is quite obvious you cannot even state facts without embarrassing those who are trying to restore the situation in that country. But while they are doing it bravely, with great courage, and, I think, with great thoroughness, the brunt of the fighting must fall upon other countries. And considering all the difficulties with which we are confronted our armies have won very conspicuous successes.

"It is difficult even to dwell upon the difference which the temporary collapse of the Russian military power has made in the task with which our soldiers are confronted."

Mr. Lloyd George said that British divisions which have been fighting and temporarily are exhausted pass behind the lines until they are reformed, but that the German divisions in the same condition go to Russia and hold a front which does not impose severe military obligation, while fresh divisions from Russia come to the western front. That increased the number of Germans on the western front.

Under those conditions, what had been achieved was one of the most brilliant episodes in the history of the British army.

"The best Germany can do now," Mr. Lloyd George continued, "when what practically was her most powerful opponent at the beginning of the war is paralyzed by internal difficulties, is to hold her own against the attacks of the British and French. And she is not quite doing it. On the contrary, in this year she has been beaten in several great battles with severe losses, and with hundreds of her guns captured which is not a bad test of winning or losing a battle.

"With Russia recovered and America really in, with those fine troops of which we saw a specimen yesterday, and which were a symbol of America, coming into this world struggle with a virile swing—those are the things the Germans and their allies will have to think about."

## A Record Breaker

### Russ Watchmakers Win Unique Rights in Recent Strike

The watch repairers of Petrograd have won a strike that is record breaking in its demands.

Every watch repairer who received 200 roubles a month has been raised to 300. Those who received over 200 have had an increase of 50 per cent. These increases are retroactive and go back to January 1, 1917. Every watch repairer in Petrograd, therefore, has received, in cold cash recently, at least 600 roubles.

Every watch repairer from henceforth will receive a month's vacation on full pay. Every year his annual wages will be increased the size of a month's pay. When he is sick he will receive full wages for three months. If he is called to war he will receive a month's wages and also a bonus of one month's wages for each year he has worked with the firm.

If the jeweler who employs him decides to go out of business he must pay each watch maker a year's wages.

The workmen will have a board through which they will make all contracts with their employers. Any workman who is elected to this board will receive full wages from his employer, without being called upon to do any work.

The last clause is that, in case of strike, the employers must pay the full wages of the strikers for at least six weeks. Beyond that time the workmen can strike without pay.

## Frightened the Irishman

### The Climate Was Too Uncertain to Be Safe for Pat

In certain parts of the West Indies the negroes speak English with a broad brogue. They are probably descended from the slaves of the Irish adventurers who accompanied the Spanish settlers.

A man from Dublin, upon arriving at a West Indian port, was accosted by a burly negro fruit vendor with, "Th' top uv th' mornin' to ye, an' would ye be aither wantin' to buy a bit o' fruit, sorr?"

The Irishman stared at him in amazement.

"An' how long have ye been here?" he finally asked.

"Goin' on three months, yer honor," said the vendor, thinking of the time since he had left his inland home.

"Three months, is it? Only three months an' as black as that? Faith, I'll not land!"—From London Tit-Bits.

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Vacant lot, back yard and school gardens have produced $350,000,000 worth of vegetables this summer in the United States. In Canada, by the same proportion, the increased production of vegetables in cities and towns amounts to about $28,000,000.

### Not Worrying

General Petain has time to raise vegetables near the French general headquarters. His confidence that no Boche will raid his garden is a bit reassuring in the dearth of other enthusiasms.—Brooklyn Eagle.

## Shrapnel Safe Until Fused

### Bullets are Projected Forward and Scattered. Case Falls to Ground

A short time ago a man was haled to the police court for having under his arm a package containing shrapnel incorrectly referred to as a shrapnel shell. It is safe to assume that had passers-by known the contents of the package, at least one side of the street would have been shunned while had the package dropped to the sidewalk a wild panic might readily have ensued. As a matter of fact, the package the man carried was as safe as a box of candy, for shrapnel without a fuse is harmless and the fuse is fitted to the shrapnel only on the battlefield, says a writer in Popular Mechanics.

The dictionary defines shrapnel as "a shell filled with bullets and having a bursting charge to explode it at any time in its flight." This definition is credited to a British officer, but, while accurate, is somewhat misleading.

So much for what shrapnel is. What a shrapnel does is clouded by even more general misunderstanding. Consulting the dictionary again, we note that the shrapnel carries a bursting charge to explode it, and the general belief is that this charge, carried in the powder pocket in the base of the casing, shatters the steel shell and scatters the charge of shrapnel bullets.

On firing a gun loaded with shrapnel, the cartridge case is left behind, just as is the shell when discharging an ordinary shot-gun. The complete shrapnel, with its time fuse, etc., is projected at a high rate of velocity revolving rapidly in its flight, and travels as a unit until such instant as the flash from the fuse reaches the powder pocket. When ignition of the powder charge occurs the diaphragm, separating the powder pocket from the section containing the shrapnel balls, is driven forward. This strips the fuse body from the end of the shell casing, while the forward travel of the casing is retarded seriously, if not arrested or reversed.

On issuing from the casing, the diaphragm plows through the mass of shrapnel balls and scatters them in all directions, the rosin which bound them together having been melted by the heat of the explosion and the friction created in driving the collection of shrapnel and partly melted rosin from the shrapnel casing.

The blast of the gases formed by the explosion of the powder charge on issuing from the open end of the casing scatters the shrapnel still further and imparts to the balls a velocity which makes them very destructive within a radius of about 60 feet of where the shrapnel "breaks." Part of the gases generated in the powder pocket are apt to escape through the powder tube, and this strips the fuse cap from its body, or, if the fuse body is stripped from the shell casing before this takes place, the fuse body is pulled from the end of the powder tube. After the break of a shrapnel, the head of the projectile continues its advance, with a certain accelerated speed, followed by the diaphragm powder tube, etc., and the spread of scattering shrapnel. The casing, having lost much of its momentum, drops to the ground.

Should the force of the explosion within the power pocket not be sufficient to strip the threaded connection between the fuse body and the shell casing, the steel shell would explode, but only in such a case. To retain the effectiveness of the shrapnel, the fracture would be limited to a section near the mouth of the casing, where its walls are comparatively thin, and the shrapnel would be scattered from the remainder of the casing as before. The shattering of the steel casing takes place only when a shrapnel fails to break properly. It is not what a shrapnel does ordinarily, but what it may do in the case of an emergency.

## German Pleas

### German Moral Laws Have a Most Curious Intellectual Kink

The New York Evening Post thus comments upon the kaiser's message to President Wilson bearing date of August 10, 1914, which has been made public by Mr. Gerard:

"In law it has always been denied a defendant to plead both an alibi and a confession and avoidance, as is now done with the kaiser's message to the president. You couldn't both plead that you were attending a cakewalk the night Jones's coop was robbed, and at the same time aver that the coop had already been emptied by the time you got to it. The kaiser's note is an impudent forgery; and, even if it isn't, it contains no fresh proof of Germany's guilt. The French violated Belgian neutrality first; but if they didn't, we had to violate it as a matter of military necessity. There were no German atrocities in Belgium because German soldiers have it not in them to be atrocious; but if there were any, then the Belgians provoked them. The Lusitania was loaded to the gunnels with explosives, which caused her to sink almost of herself. Besides she was a British cruiser; but, even if she wasn't, Germany had a right to sink her with her freight of American women and children to get even with England. When eight hundred thousand Armenians were being cruelly slaughtered, the German diplomatic and consular officials in Turkey didn't know what was happening, or, if they did, they couldn't jeopardize the Turkish alliance by interfering. German moral lawyers have this curious intellectual kink: they don't understand that the jury of the world opinion is just like any other; inconsistent pleadings induce verdicts of 'Guilty.'"

### Quite Natural

Vera Vampire—"The volcano acted up something awful last night."

Bessie Brimstone—"Can you blame it? We threw a food speculator down the crater."—Cartoons Magazine.

## German Espionage

### The United States Swarming With German Spies

"There are 100,000 German spies on United States soil," said Mr. Overman, on the floor of the senate, the other day, in urging the passage of the espionage bill. He would have proved his point just as well if he had said there were half a dozen really clever spies in the country.

It may do us no harm, one writer points out, if there are 100,000 spies in our midst, but one wireless plant concealed in the heart of the Catskills or in that most obscure place of all, the roof of a city building, would do harm enough.

There are two kinds of German spies who may be called "military" and "psychological." For example, Germany had spies all over Ireland before the war. They told Prince Licknowsky, the German ambassador to London, that Ireland would rise in revolution the moment England declared war. So the prince told the kaiser that he could count on England's being unable to take a large part in a general war, torn as she would be by internal dissension.

Licknowsky had a waiter and a governess working in county Cork. They reported that Southern Ireland was a network of revolutionary plots. But the Irish, after the identification of the spies, showed that waiter and governess had "loafed on the job."

They were paid for sending reports to the German embassy, and they had to send something. If they had said there was no plot, there would have been no more work for them to do. And their superior, the German agent who directly employed them, thought he would have lost his job if he had nothing to tell the ambassador. So that by the time the reports were assembled in the Berlin intelligence office they were magnified beyond recognition.

Thus psychology 'double crossed' the psychologists, and when the prince went back to Berlin he was disgraced for not having foreseen that the Irish problem would not tear the British empire asunder.

## British Successes

### Greatly Exceed Enemy in Number of Prisoners Taken

"Remember," says an acute student of the war, Mr. Frank Simonds, "that the British now have to their credit a long series of local successes. They have in the last year captured at least 75,000 German prisoners, probably nearer 100,000, with a loss of less than 10,000 prisoners themselves. They have taken between 400 and 500 guns without losing a single piece and they have driven the Germans back at all points when they have attacked. They have established an artillery superiority frankly conceded by the Germans.

"And here," for the present, it would seem the western situation must stand. It is waiting, I believe, for the arrival of sufficient American troops to give the allies in the west that numerical superiority in reserve necessary to bear the great losses incident to a general, sustained offensive like the Somme, which cost the British and the French not less than 750,000 killed and wounded, and the Germans between 600,000 and 700,000.

## Hungary's Future

### Appointment of New Premier Is Step Toward Independence

The appointment of Dr. Alexander Wekerle as Hungarian premier marks a step of the utmost importance toward real democratization and complete independence from both Austrian and German influence. Count Julius Andrassy was impossible because he is pro-German and the anti-German element has gained the upper hand in Hungary. On the other hand, Hungarism of the new premier is above reproach. He is known to be no friend of Germany. He is one of the most popular of Hungarian statesmen, noted for his democratic spirit.

The Hungarian national spirit is fast approaching high tide, as the prospect opens of at last being able to realize a centuries-long dream of absolute independence from Austrian domination. King Karl is in perfect harmony with the bulk of the nation in its desire for a great democratic national Hungarian state.

### Germany's History Is One of War

One sometimes wonders whether the Germans ever read German history. War and aggressive war has been the national industry of Prussia since the days of Frederick the Great, in the half century that preceded the present struggle Prussia first isolated and then struck down Denmark, Austria, and France in succession; and now a Prussianized Germany is making a bigger and yet bloodier bid for the mastery of all Europe. What a record for a power that today boasts of its pacific purposes, declares that it is against all aggrandisement, and whines that it has no dearer wish than "the lasting reconciliation of all peoples."—London Daily Mail.

### At Gallipoli

At 8:10 she (the battleship Ocean) sank. As the destroyer Kennet with the part of the Ocean's crew returned up the Dardanelles a strong swimmer was seen coming down with the current. The Kennet stopped and picked him up.

"I was just swimming down to Tenedos," he said—Tenedos being twenty miles away—"to tell you that you've left four men in the 'Ocean.'"

The destroyer pushed ahead with all speed and sure enough, there were four forlorn stokers sitting on the foc's'le, which was just awash.

### Vicarious Treatment

Caller—Doctor, have you ever treated a patient for loss of memory?

Doctor—Oh, yes, indeed. I employ a bill collector quite often.

# THE PRESENT WAR WAS PREDICTED BY U. S. WRITER THIRTY YEARS AGO

## THE KAISER WAS LIKENED TO A MODERN ATTILA

### Harold Frederic, Famous Novelist and Correspondent, Correctly Estimated the War-Like Characteristics of the Kaiser, and Foretold the Present Day Catastrophe

The fact that the kaiser was destined to play the role of the modern Attila and become the scourge of Europe was prophesied nearly thirty years ago in a remarkable article published in the New York Times in April 1888 by Harold Frederic, the famous novelist and correspondent.

At that date, of course, the kaiser was still crown prince of Prussia, and Mr. Frederic, who was in Berlin on behalf of his newspaper, had many opportunities of coming in contact with him.

"One shudders," Mr. Harold Frederic wrote, "as one pats the mild, contemplative head of the bloodhound solely because the stories that have been told of the terrible ferocity which lurks under this sleek and gentle exterior. In the same way you look into the face of this young heir of the Hohenzollerns and remember with wondering reservations the malignant tales which have been told of his inner nature by those who knew it best.

"Their dislike for him is based on a general conception of his character. This view is that he is utterly cold, entirely selfish, wantonly cruel, a young man without conscience or compassion. He is saturated with all the instincts and ideas which have raised this parvenu Prussia to its present eminence, and his character is the crown and flower of two centuries of might with ruthlessness and spoliation exalted into a creed.

"On the other hand, his mother is the best royal product of a totally and fundamentally different civilization. Prince William habitually speaks of his mother to his associates, and familiars as 'the English woman.' He ostentatiously addresses her in German, although he knows English perfectly, and she has always made a point of having her children speak English in the family circle.

"We all know that it is a mere matter of months before he will be the autocratic master of 2,000,000 armed men. The question is, what will he do? The most common answer is that he will overrun Europe. It seems very probable that some future Taine, a century hence, perhaps, will write to show that William II. of Prussia and the German empire was a mysterious belated survival of the ante-mediaeval Goths and Vandals—an Attila born a thousand and more years after his time.

"Nobody with eyes in his head could have passed the week just ended in Berlin without recognizing that if a fire-brand comes to the throne the materials are close-crowded upon him for a terrible conflagration.

"Even now, when I go downstairs in this hotel to eat my dinner, one-half the men at the tables are officers in uniform. The elevator boy touches his cap to me with a military salute. The waiters when they receive my order turn on their heels like fusiliers under the eye of a drill sergeant. The military spirit pervades everything and everybody.

"What this means is that the army here in Germany will utterly swamp what organized pacific instincts there are in the empire the moment a young fighting kaiser draws his sword and cries out: 'Who will follow me?'

"The military class is all-powerful in all the upper and middle and higher grades of society. Little of provocation, of the popular appeals to national feeling, would make it master of nine-tenths of the German people. Kaiser William II., in the glamour of his youthful distinction of face and figure, of his deep Teutonic prejudices, of his all-controlling belief in himself and his race and his destiny, could hurl a practically united Germany east, west or south a month after he has ascended the Hohenzollern throne.

"This is not a pleasant or humane conclusion, but it is a necessary one. The lesson taught by Prussia's success, by the rise of the Hohenzollern dynasty, is an object-lesson in blood and iron which has not been lost on any German mind."

## English Jockey in Berlin

### Tells of Movies Shown in Enemy Country Depicting "Victories"

Aylin, the English jockey who rode for the kaiser's horses, and who has been in Berlin for some time, has managed, with ease, to get out of Berlin, and travel via Holland, to London without mishap or adventure.

He talks of "life" in Berlin from the view point of a man of the world; after stating that no Germans now believe that the war can end in a victory for the Fatherland, he proceeds:

"The Germans have an artful way of demonstrating their numerous victories on land and sea. Some weeks ago I saw a most impressive picture (from the German point of view) of the entrance of German troops into Bucharest. It was a high-colored affair, but it went down all right, and was heartily cheered. Large numbers of Rumanian and Russian prisoners were also shown on the screen, and the audience were particularly requested to note the look of happiness and contentment on the faces of the captives.

"Another interesting movie was that in which units of the German fleet were supposed to be out searching the North Sea for Admiral Beatty's ships. The latest super-submarines were also exhibited, and these evoked much cheering. The boats were seen leaving their bases, but the deluded spectators were never told what happened to some of these U-ships."

## "Thanks" Not Enough

### The Kaiser Will Have to Pay for These Eggs

Germany will have a lot of bills to pay when the war is over and one of the most important of them is a bill for a basket of fish and eggs. There is today "at an English port," as the censor makes us say nowadays, a fisherman who is mighty anxious for the war to come to an end. He is a poor man and therefore the bill he holds against the kaiser is all the more important to him. This certificate of indebtedness will be handed to the German emperor personally if the fisherman has his way. It so happened that one peaceful afternoon in the early days of the war, while alone in his boat, within rifle shot of the harbor, a submarine suddenly emerged alongside. Before the man had time to fall overboard from fright an officer stuck his head out of the conning tower, and in perfect English asked if he could have some fish. "Sure," said the excited fisherman, as he turned over a basketful. "Can you get us some eggs?" asked the German. "Sure," said the man in the boat, and promptly pulled for the shore, disappeared into his hut and reappeared with several dozen eggs, which he brought out to the hungry submarine crew. Then instead of offering to pay, the crew said "Thanks," and closing down the hatch, disappeared from view. The fisherman explains that he thought they were English, otherwise he would not have supplied them.

## Food Prices in Enemy Country

### Hens Are Now Worth $3.32 in Germany

Information concerning food costs in Germany received at the offices of the food administration show that many edibles, particularly those containing fats, are selling at almost prohibitive prices. Fat for frying is bringing more than $4 a pound. Goose fat is sold at $5.36 a pound.

Fowls generally are high. Fresh fowls bring $1.10 a pound, larded goose breast $2.08, salted goose legs 94 cents, young country laying hens $3.32 each, well fed geese $11 to $19 each. The egg ration at Hamburg for one week was one egg for each person.

Horses are in great demand for food and horseflesh sells at from 53 to 86 cents a pound. Rabbits are sold at $2 each. Cheese is quoted at from 36 to 86 cents a pound.

### Ships Will Be Supplied

Ships and more ships, will be needed, and they will be supplied. Germany, gloating over the foul work of her submarines, should consider the evidence that all the carriers required will be available. Our soldiers and food for them, railroad material for our new lines in France, trucks, hospital supplies, food and munitions for our allies must be transported across the Atlantic. For all this freight there will be sufficient merchant tonnage from American shipyards on the coast and other fleets now under the American flag.—New York Times.

### A Clincher

Pat O'Flaherty, very palpably not a prohibitionist, was arrested in Arizona recently, charged with selling liquor in violation of the prohibition law. But Pat had an impregnable defense. His counsel, in addressing the jury, said:

"Your honor, gentlemen of the jury, look at the defendant."

A dramatic pause, then:

"Now, gentlemen of the jury, do you honestly think that if the defendant had a quart of whisky he would sell it?"

The verdict, reached in one minute, was "Not guilty."—Everybody's.

### Deuteronomy V. Prussia

The destruction of fruit-bearing trees is inadmissable as an act of war, and was condemned by the Jewish code more than 3,000 years ago. A correspondent of the Spectator quotes these ancient lines:—

"When thou shalt besiege a city a long time in making war against it to take it, thou shalt not destroy the trees thereof by wielding an axe against them; for thou mayst eat of them, and thou shalt not cut them down; for is the tree of the field man's that it should be besieged of thee? Only the trees which thou knowest that they be not trees for meat thou shalt destroy and cut them down."—Deuteronomy xx, 19, 2 (Revised Version).

### Food Saving at Home

It would help some people if Hon. Mr. Hanna were to order that his meatless days regulation apply to private homes as well as to public eating houses. There would be many, no doubt, who would selfishly pay no attention to the order, but the amount of food saved through its observance by the rest would be very much worth while. As it is, by applying the regulation only to the public places the wrong inference can be drawn that there is no need for applying it to the private houses.—Ottawa Journal-Press.

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During the last six months Norway exported to Great Britain 60,000 tons of fish.

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### LONGING.

YOU hear me roar?
I'm dying for
A chance to soar
High up and o'er
The sixteenth floor
With Wilbur Wright
Or any wight
To any height
In airy flight,
A human kite,
In wild delight
To sail away
Most any day,
To be as gay
And light as they
Who aviate
Where eagles play;
To make a date,
To idly stray
Where on display
The Milky way
Sends down a glow
To those below
And charges nothing
For the show.
It must be great
To steer her straight
For Mars
And stars
While cars
Must wait,
To take a spin
Up yonder in
The azure blue
As comets do.
'Twould seem too lovely
To be true.
Then must I glue
Myself to earth
When it is worth
A monarch's toil
To reach the goal
That's set on high
To brave the sky?
No; I will fly,
Or I will know
The reason why.

### Thoughtless.

"Where kin I see the boss?" said the wild westerner, breaking into the office like a cyclone from his native heath."

"Have you a card?" asked the subdued office boy in a quiet tone of voice.

"A card! No, by gum! I left my pack at hum! Say, kid, this ain't no confidence game you are tryin' to push me against, is it?"

### Got the Favor.

"Are ye the lady of the house?"

"I am."

"Ye mean to say ye are the wife ov the boss?"

"Yes."

"Sure, ye look young enough to be your own granddaughter."

### Precaution.

"John, don't you think we ought to build a warmer chicken house?"

"But the hens need ventilation."

"I know it, love, but just think if they were to freeze their feet they might lay cold storage eggs."

### Explained.

"Some widows rally from their bereavement more quickly than others."

"I had noticed that."

"Why is it?"

"Just a matter of complexion."

"Some more warm hearted than others?"

"No; some find black much more becoming."

### The Very Best.

"She always pays 10 cents above the market price for eggs."

"She must have money to throw away."

"She gets a better grade that way."

"Maybe they are hand laid."

### How Does He See It?

Dan Cupid's blind, we've heard them say
A hundred times or more,
But still his footsteps often stray
Where there is gold galore.

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Many are extremely honest because everything they esteem of value chances to be nailed down.

You can gamble that you are open to the predatory incursions of every enemy. No disinterested friend is on duty by you.

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